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BLACK UNION
of
ESSEX COUNTY
COLLEGE

...we unite-on the basis of what
we have in common.

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IS FINANCIAL AID THE NEW WELFARE ?

The concept of a society being responsible to its members for their well being, growth and development is a noble one. It typifies the communal life style long a tradition on the African continent.

The modern concept of welfare, however is markedly different. Its primary purpose in the days of Roosevelt's "New Deal" was to prop up capitalism. The depression had destroyed the people's faith in the American Economic System and Roosevelt didn't have the courage to build a new society, so he offered a "new deal". Much like the dope pusher of 1971, the welfare pusher of today seek to create dependency.

Financial aid for students is the new welfare class. The idea of paying students to continue their education is sound. It guarantees a society that is healthy. But a financial aid arrangement that is supposedly based on "need," that requires you to bare your personal business to strangers and that dehumanises you is an insulting, vulgar arrangement that has as its purposes the single objective of dependency.

Access to higher education and broader knowledge is, and ought to be, the right of everybody who desires it. Democratic government presupposes an intelligent, well informed electorate.

Black people in the United States suffer from the twin evils of racism and poverty. Welfare and Financial Aid schemes are not solutions to our problem. They are the pills and ointments of a sick society in need of radical surgery. Afro-Americans need to learn to do for self. It is true that three centuries of free labor and then another at peon's wages entitle us to something. However, what we have earned and what we need is not dependency. We do not need to be addicted to "cracker crumbs." We need to build black, vote black and give black. We cannot survive as a nation of welfare clients, financial aid addicts, teacher-aids etc.

The poverty program - welfare - Model Cities - Financial Aid syndrome is garbage

Dig on it and when you cash your next check make the decision that you won't let temporary necessity create a "Jones" that will sidetrack us from building a strong nation of beautiful Black people. We are all responsible for each other; therefore, every one of us who gets "Booked" on whitey's dope - take heed because we might all nod out.

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WHY SHOULD YOU SUPPORT THE CANDIDATES

"FOR UNITY'S SAKE"

A year ago the conservative, integrationist NAACP charged that the Nixon Administration was anti-Black. Such an accusation would not ordinarily be newsworthy in the Black community since most Black people appreciate the fact that the American government doesn't give a damn about them. The accusation only takes on significance because of the perpetually patent Negro organization that made it.

It is now safe to say that Black people generally recognize the need for people of African descent to be aware of the differences between their political interests and those of the non-Black ruling clique.

The white dominated, suburban based Essex County College Board of Trustees and the effective white control of every sensitive position in the college administration makes clear the need for the Essex County Black community to move to protect their interests. The coming election of the Student Government Executive Board (June 24-25) is a critical challenge to Black students to respond in a manner that would reflect intelligence and political sophistication. A slate of dynamic Black students is running under the banner of "For Unity's Sake". We endorse the candidacy of Vincent Jacques for President, Frank Bridges for Vice President, Sandra Miller for Controller, and Lillian Frison for Chief Justice because they have pledged themselves to the pursuit of nationalist objectives.

They have pledged to struggle against racism at Essex; to demand and control a viable Black Studies Program; to stop the drug traffic; to gain effective student representation on the Board of Trustees; and to improve the quality of education at Essex County College. They have promised to use every resource at their disposal for nation building purposes.

At a time when the forces of racist reaction are on the march demanding freedom for Calley and no bail for Angela Davis; at a time when the government is more interested in SST's and missiles than hungry children or struggling students, at a time when Black students need more than ever an articulate, militant voice and a forthright example to follow, We urge you to vote for ourselves by voting for the "For Unity's Sake" candidates. They need you and you need them. Together we shall win without a doubt.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. WE ARE BLACK NATIONALISTS.
2. WE BELIEVE THAT BLACK PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF OUR COMMON PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE COMPRISE A NATION WHEREVER WE ARE.
3. WE SEEK THE NATIONAL LIBERATION OF ALL BLACK PEOPLE.
4. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTROL THE LAND THAT WE OCCUPY, THE INSTITUTIONS THAT AFFECT OUR LIVES (WHERE THESE INSTITUTIONS PROVE UNWORKABLE FOR BLACK PEOPLE WE WILL CREATE ALTERNATIVE ONES).
5. WE MUST CONTROL ALL THE CONDITIONS THAT WILL DETERMINE OUR COMMON DESTINY.

FOR UNITY'S SAKE

for Student Government ELECTIONS

vincent jacques

"Making every experience work for the interests, growth and development of our beautiful black nation is my belief and commitment. I am proud to be associated with the "For Unity's Sake" slate because I sincerely share their desire to protect and promote nation building activity.

I pledge to work in the best interest of an effective student government. I pledge to support the kind of programs that will begin to make Essex County College an institution of excellence."



sandra miller

"The Office of Controller of the Student Government Association is important. I believe I am qualified for the position because of my experience working in Banking Institutions. I believe I am more qualified because I committed to the philosophy of Black Nationalism. I promise to perform the duties

of Controller to the best of my ability. I also promise to do all I can do to build a nation."

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don l. lee

frank bridges

"I am a candidate for the office of Vice-President of the Student government association because I completely support the Black objectives of the "For Unity's Sake" slate.

I desire a strong, militant effective Student Government and I intend to help build one. I seek support for our efforts to build and sustain a nation....For Unity's Sake!

lillian frison

"I am a candidate for the office of Chief Justice of the Essex County College Student Government Association on the "For Unity's Sake" slate.

I pledge to insure even handed justice to all students. I pledge to develop a written judicial procedure with the cooperation of my associate justices that will protect the rights of the accused. I am in full support of the Black Nation building efforts at Essex County College."